central excise duty in diesel oil drawn and used by fishing vessels below 20m length through cooperative and public sector diesel outlets is fully reimbursed. The cost is shared between the Centre and the State on 80:20 basis.

(b) and (c). Concession is being given during 1991-92.

**Enriched Uranium to Pakistan**

4827. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL:
SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI:
SHRI SRIBALLVA PANIGRAHI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the recent reports regarding supply of enriched uranium and sophisticated military hardwired to Pakistan by Tadjikistan and other Republics of Commonwealth of Independent States; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINGH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) While reports about unauthorised sales of nuclear weapons grade material from Republics of the Commonwealth of Independent States have been denied by the concerned authorities, as far as conventional weapons are concerned, some Republics have indicated that they would continue to make exports in accordance with commercial principles. There is, however no information of such sales having been made to Pakistan.

Government constantly monitor all developments having a bearing on our security and take appropriate measures to safeguard it.

**Grant of Visas to foreign nationals**

4828. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign nationals granted visas to enter the country during 1989 and 1990;

(b) the break-up of the foreign nationals by nationally;

(c) whether any case of blacklisted persons obtaining visas during this period has come to the notice of the Government; and

(d) if so, the remedial measures taken/ being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) As per the returns received from various Indian Missions and Posts abroad, 840529 and 803349 foreigners were granted visas in 1989 and 1990 respectively.

(b) A statement is attached.

(c) and (d). Indian Missions abroad have already been instructed to ens re that persons whoa re suspected and undesirable are not issued visas to come to India Instructions have also been issued to the Immigration authorities at airports, land check-posts and sea-ports not to allow entry into India to such persons. However, where visas are granted by Indian Missions to such persons in exceptional circumstances, in consultation with Ministry of Home Affairs, care is taken to ensure that proper watch is maintained over their activities during their stay in India.